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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

- 1. FRG AMBASSADOR VERGAU TELLS ME HIS VERY EMBAR-RASSED BY REPEATED EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE HE KEEPS RECEIVING FROM GOUV OFFICIALS, TRADITIONAL CHIEFS, AND OTHERS FOR MILITARY AID WHICH FRG IS ALLEGED TO BE GIVING UPPER VOLTA. VERGAU STATES CATEGORICALLY THAT FRG IS NOT GIVING AND WILL NOT GIVE MILITARY AID TO EITHER MALI OR UPPER VOLTA AND THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REQUESTS FOR SUCH AID FROM EITHER COUNTRY.
- 2. VERGAU ALSO SAID THAT IN THANKING HIM FOR THIS ALLEGED AID, HIS VOLTAN CONTACTS BITTERLY COMPLAINED THAT BOTH FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES WERE UNWILLING TO HELP UPPER VOLTA IN ITS HOUR OF NEED.
- 3. MAIN PROBLEM FOR FRG, VERGAU ADDED, WAS THAT MALIANS WERE NOW CONVINCED THAT FRG WAS INDEED IN PROCESS OF PROVIDING MILITARY AID TO UPPER VOLTA. I GATHERED THAT THIS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO FRG AMBASSADOR IN BAMAKO IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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